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5K zombie run comes to Massachusetts

Runners are gearing up to try and stay alive during the 5K "Run for Your Lives" race where the undead are hot on the trail. Starting Saturday, athletes will hurdle through a wooded course while evading brain-hungry zombies that will chase them throughout the event. {page 04}

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In the news

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The price someone paid over the weekend to get their paws on a piece of authentic Ted Williams memorabilia. According to reports, during an auction at Fenway Park, as part of the centennial celebration, a bidder put up hundreds of thousands of dollars for the former Red Sox slugger's 1949 MVP plaque. Some of the proceeds from the auction will go to The Jimmy Fund. METRO

Today's local tweet

"The @MBTA should have Boston celebrities do the train stop announcements instead of that computerized guy. People'd be excited to."

@SUPAHFANS ON HOW THE MBTA COULD BRING SOME HAPPINESS TO THOSE RIDING PUBLIC TRANSIT

Delays expected today for the Commuter Rail

BOSTON. Lat- night Commuter Rail riders will experience some delays tonight as bridge work along the Newburyport and Rockport lines is done.

Staring at 9 p.m., the MBTA and Massachusetts Bay Commuter Rail will conduct routine fixes on the Saugus River drawbridge.

The bridge work, which is necessary to keep riders safe, according to the MBCR, has been scheduled at night to minimize the impact to customers.

During this time, a replacement bus service will be in place between North Station, Chelsea and Lynn. METRO

▶ Expect 30-minute delays.

Police seek info in Theater District murder

BOSTON. Police are asking for the public's help with an investigation after a 22-year-old man was shot and killed in the Theater District just before 2 a.m. on Saturday.

When officers responded to Tremont Street, they found Stephen Perez of Revere with a life-threatening gunshot wound.

Perez was transported to Tufts Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. METRO

BC student found dead

BOSTON. Boston College suffered a second student loss, just weeks after Franco Garcia's body was discovered in the Chestnut Hill Reservoir.

According to Boston.com, Michael Gannon, 20, a sophomore from Illinois, was found dead in his dorm room Saturday afternoon.

A spokesperson from the university said the cause of death has not yet been determined, but police do not suspect foul play. METRO

Man indicted four years after murder of student

Former Boston man charged with shooting Rebecca Payne Murder has been unsolved since May 2008

Two men were indicted by a Suffolk County grand jury over the weekend in connection with the murder of a Northeastern University student more than four years ago.

According to D.A. Daniel F. Conley's office, Cornell Smith, 30, formerly of Boston, is being charged with first-degree murder for the alleged shooting of Rebecca Payne in Mission Hill in 2008.

According to court reports, Smith is also being charged with armed assault in a dwelling and unlawful possession of a firearm.

The indictments also charge Michael Balba, of Billerica, with four counts of perjury for allegedly lying to a Suffolk County grand jury during the investigation into Payne's death.

Boston Police homicide detectives arrested Balba over the weekend. He is scheduled to be arraigned in Superior Court today.

▶ Cornell Smith

According to a release from the D.A.'s office, Payne, a Northeastern student from Connecticut, was found dead in her Parker Hill Avenue apartment on the morning of May 20, 2008.

She had been shot several times, according to police.

Residents had heard gunfire hours earlier, but no one called 911, according to reports.

Conley did not provide details about the homicide or an alleged motive for Payne's death, but said the victim did not know Smith.

"She was, in every sense, an innocent victim," Conley said in a statement issued yesterday.

On the night of her murder in 2008, Payne had allegedly returned home from work at Legal Sea Foods and took a bus to Mission Hill before walking to her apartment.

According to reports, she was shot several times, including in the leg and chest.

After two years without answers, in 2010 police said in a statement they believed Payne was not the intended target.

According to reports, Smith is currently serving a 12-year federal prison sentence out of state for an unrelated drug conviction.

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▶ Rao

Vigil held for slain BU student

BOSTON. A vigil was scheduled to be held for a Boston University student shot to death on an Allston street earlier this month.

According to BU Today, students were set to gather at Marsh Plaza last night to remember Kanagala Seshadri Rao, 24, better known to his friends as "Sesh," who was killed on April 19. METRO

Race. Kayaks and canoes

▶ Paddlers used several kinds of vessels to compete in yesterday's competition.

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Row, row, row your boat not so gently

The 30th annual Run of the Charles drew 1,500 paddlers and hundreds of spectators yesterday along the Charles River. The event, which is New England's largest canoe and kayak race, is held each April and features a variety of races for all skill levels, from expert to novice. METRO

Charlestown man shot by police in Florida

FLORIDA. Police opened fire on a Charlestown man in Daytona Beach over the weekend after he allegedly shot a pregnant woman.

According to WCVB, Marvin Calvin Jones, 22, picked up a pregnant woman at the airport after she arrived on a flight from Boston.

Jones was allegedly waiving a gun around at the airport after picking the woman up. A chase with police ensued and ended with officers shooting Jones several times. On two different occasions during the chase, Jones allegedly got out of his car and shot at officers, according to the report.

Both Jones and the victim are in a Florida hospital where the woman remains in critical condition, according to the WCVB report. METRO

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News in brief

▶ A cherry blossom display

New tradition blossoms in Hub

BOSTON. A new tradition blossomed yesterday as the first-ever Japanese-style festival commemorating the centennial of the original gift of cherry trees from Japan to Washington, D.C., in 1912, kicked off in Copley Square.

"Haru Matsuri Boston 2012" part of the Greater Boston-Japan Cherry Blossom Festival, gave attendees a chance to learn about Japanese culture and taste some unique cuisine while supporting those affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan last March. METRO

State to improve ferry service

NEW BEDFORD. Lt. Governor Timothy Murray today will meet with state and local authorities from several communities including Boston, Fall River, Gloucester, New Bedford and Salem to announce plans to support water-based means of getting around.

Members of the state legislature and Massport will also attend the meeting to throw their support behind seaports and port communities. METRO

Vegetarian eatery closes

BOSTON. Vegetarians will have to find a new spot to nosh on specialty chili after The Otherside Cafe officially closed its doors for good on Saturday.

Located across from Newbury Street, The Otherside was a hot spot for students and locals for years.

The cafe was known for its unique beer list, vegetarian cuisine and Sunday movie nights inside the restaurant. METRO

▶ This "zombie" is out for brains.

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Zombie 5K race comes to Bay State

Undead chase you while you run through the woods to safety

It's survival of the fittest as runners gear up to try and stay alive during a 5K race where the undead are hot on their trail.

Starting May 5 and 6, the the zombie-infested adventure race, "Run for Your Lives," is coming to the Bay State and will take place at the Amesbury Sports Park.

Athletes will hurdle through a wooded course while evading brain-hungry zombies that will chase them throughout the event.

Wearing a flag football-like belt with three flags, survivors on foot will traverse the landscape, making strategic choices, finding a way to the finish line without having their flags yanked by the undead. If all three flags are pulled, runners will finish the race as zombies.

An "Apocalypse Party" is being held following the 5K, which will feature live entertainment and nourishment for survivors and zombies alike.

If you go

- **When:** May 5 and 6
- **Where:** Amesbury Sports Park, 12 South Hunt Road
- **For more info:** www.runforyourlives.com

Medals will also be given out signifying if you are a zombie-race survivor or a brain-eating runner reanimated from the grave.

Prizes will be given to the top male and female human finishers in all age brackets.

"We hope Bostonians and folks throughout New England are ready, and wicked excited to run for their lives," said Ryan Hogan, managing member of Reed Street Productions and co-creator of the race.

It is the first time the race will be coming to the Bay State.

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In a surprise move, President Obama and his Republican rival for the office, Mitt Romney, agreed last week: They both, apparently, support an extension of the freeze on student loan interest rates, which are scheduled to double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent on July 1 barring an act of Congress.

In a completely unsurprising move, this alleged agreement has now developed into an election battle. House Republicans, perhaps sensing blood in the water, decided to go ahead and pass the rate freeze despite championing a budget proposal to do away with it and many other similar programs. But here's the rub: To pay for it, they want to do away with Obamacare's $10 billion prevention and public health fund — which Speaker John Boehner refers to disdainfully as Obama's "slush fund."

The president has promised to veto this resolution, which also should not surprise anyone. The Republican plan does, after all, present Obama with a distasteful pair of choices: To "compromise" and pass the law, thereby handing the GOP what they've really wanted all along, defeat of his signature health care law, at least in part; or fight and face attacks from the right over the issue. Obama seems intent on the latter.

About time, really.

Of course, there's spin from Dems, too, who claim their rivals' proposals to cut the health fund amount to another skirmish in the "war on women." It does seem that way, but we know it for what it really is: just another front in the ongoing war on Obama.

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Meanwhile, at Nerd Prom

Washington's not all doom, gloom, sex scandals and mutual obstructionism rooted in deep historical hatreds. Mostly it is, but not all. Because once a year we — well, not "we" we, but, you know, the more famous and fabulous "we"s among us — are treated to the White House Correspondents Association dinner, aka Nerd Prom, that star-studded affair that brings Hollywood celebrities and politicians together with nationally renowned journalists and one very lucky comedian for an evening of collective ribbing. This year, late night host Jimmy Kimmel delivered most of the jokes, though President Obama served up a few of his own. What follows is our selection of the night's best:

Whose jokes were funniest? Let us know what you think at letters@metro.us

▶ Jimmy Kimmel

- "Now, some have said I blame too many problems on my predecessor, but let's not forget that's a practice that was initiated by George W. Bush." **OBAMA**
- "If you told me when I was a kid I would be standing on a dais with President Barack Obama, I would have said, 'The president's name is Barack Obama?'" **KIMMEL**
- "In my first term we repealed the policy known as Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Wait! In my second term we will replace it with a policy known as It's Raining Men." **OBAMA**
- "There's a term for guys like (the) president. Probably not two terms." **KIMMEL**
- "Jimmy got his start years ago on 'The Man Show.' In Washington, that's what we call a congressional hearing on contraception." **OBAMA**
- "Democrats would like you to stick to your guns. And if you don't have any guns, you can ask Eric Holder to get some for you." **KIMMEL**
- "In my first term, we passed health care reform. In my second term, I guess I'll pass it again." **OBAMA**
- "They say diplomacy is a matter of carrot and sticks, and since Michelle Obama got to the White House — so is dinner." **KIMMEL**

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KIMMEL TO OBAMA

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Marcia Cross is saying goodbye, Rumer Willis is exercising and Russell Brand is trying to control his spending.

@ReallyMarcia: cannot believe this is the last time i will go to bed and wake to work on Desperate Housewives...last day tomorrow.

@TheRue: Trying out a pole dancing workout class today...kinda stoked

@rustyrockets: I would never burn money. Unless you count the ten grand I spent on cat jackets.

A weekend of renewing wedding vows, celebrity style

▶ The happy couple on Friday.

Are you a celebrity couple who needs a good reason to send out a press release? But you don't feel like 1. Announcing a pregnancy or 2. Getting a divorce? Then just renew your wedding vows! It's a surefire way to get some attention thrown your way.

First up this weekend? **Mariah Carey** and **Nick Cannon** renewed their vows Friday at the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Spokeswoman Cindi Berger said the couple celebrated with an "intimate ceremony after a romantic dinner at the beautiful Jules Verne restaurant." I love how "intimate" these days refers to having a hoard of photographers on the scene — as well as a publicist.

Not to be outdone, **LeAnn Rimes** and **Eddie Cibrian** renewed their vows on a romantic trip to Calabasas, Calif., on Friday. "We renewed our vows today....it's incredible to thank each other for the past year as husband and wife," Rimes tweeted. "Here's to another great year!"

You know, it's probably bad to be so cynical. After all, with the way Hollywood marriages last, recognizing any amount of time together without getting divorced should be celebrated.

Why Theron is still single

Ever wonder why **Charlize Theron** is still single? She (jokingly) blames **Tom Hanks** and **Daryl Hannah** (as well as the state of the moviemaking industry) for a lack of a ring.

"If I knew that 3-D was going to be such a big deal, I would have gotten that boob job 10 years ago," Theron joked while accepting a Distinguished Decade of Achievement in Film award at CinemaCon, according to Us Weekly. She also took a moment to celebrate the power of movies. "We really learn from these stories," she said. "I mean, I learned everything about love watching 'Splash.' That's why I'm still single, so thanks, Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah for that."

Talking points

▶ Bieber

Indonesia takes it to The Bieber

Justin Bieber is under fire in Indonesia after some offhand remarks he made about the country, where he recorded a track on his new album. During an event in London last week, Bieber said the song was recorded in "some random country" where "they didn't know what they were doing." And now folks in Indonesia are striking back: This weekend, North Sumatra teen-pop radio station KISS 105 FM banned Bieber's music, according to the Jakarta Post. "His tone was very condescending and he is just a 19-year-old boy. This is a country with more than 200 million citizens," Kiss FM executive producer Anggi Simanjuntak says, while one of the station's on-air personalities says the ban would be lifted if Bieber "apologized in a sweet manner and promised not to say such things about Indonesia again."

Lohan late to set of 'Glee'

Lindsay Lohan's attempt to get back to work isn't going too smoothly. The troubled actress reportedly showed up six hours late to film a cameo in an upcoming episode of "Glee," according to Us Weekly. "She came to set with a million demands and was not prepared to work," a source on the set says. "One of her demands has to do with her trailer size. The cast is already worked to death, and then she puts everything behind. She is a diva."

Gellar expecting baby No. 2

Sarah Michelle Gellar and **Freddie Prinze Jr.** are expecting again. The "Ringer" star is pregnant with her second child, her rep confirms to Us Weekly. "She and Freddie are thrilled. They're amazing parents," a source says. Gellar and Prinze have been married 10 years and have a 2-year-old daughter, Charlotte Grace.

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Westwood: I prefer 'freedom fighter'

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Vivienne Westwood is now as famous for using her fashion shows as a platform to save the planet as she is for her iconic pirate boot. In Westwood's world, it's not about Earth Month — she'd rather you celebrate Earth Year instead. We discuss.

When did you first become conscious of the environment and our impact on it?
For a couple of decades I've been really upset about the problem of climate change, and I couldn't bear the idea that we're still cutting down the rainforests. I just couldn't believe that the statistics were getting worse, not better. And then I read an interview with James Lovelock. He is a genius, the scientist who launched the Gaia Theory. Gaia is the name the Greeks gave to the earth goddess. James Lovelock thinks we are too late to stop climate change and that by the end of this century there will be only 1 billion people left. Fortunately! The consensus among almost all scientists is that we have [until] 2020 to do something — eight more years. And it's important for Americans to know that the [people who deny that climate change exists] are few, but they are well-funded and well-publicized.

Do you consider yourself an environmental activist?
A name I prefer is freedom fighter. I've got a voice because I've got a lot of credibility as a fashion designer. So I have been using my fashion for the last five or so years as a medium. I use slogans and graphics in lots of my designs. I also give my fashion shows titles related to saving the planet or climate change like, "Plus Five Degrees." Plus five degrees is uninhabitable.

What would you say to people who view your fight to save the planet and reduce consumption from the helm of a global fashion empire as contradictory?
My aim is quality not quantity. Timeless clothes that last, for people who make choices and don't just consume. For people who can't afford my clothes, I hope to provide a standard of good design — which will help them to choose clothes that will suit them.

Tips for living sustainably

- **Buy less** "Buy less, choose well and make it last. I really do think that people should exercise choice and not just consume without thought — sucking up stuff all the time."
- **Go to art galleries** "The art lover is not consuming. He invests in the present world by engaging with the genius of the past. 'You get out what you put in' is my motto."
- **Read** "The best fashion accessory is a book."
- **Prepare your own food** "Buying and preparing your own food is to engage with the world. It gives you a sense of reality."
- **D.I.Y.** "Wear a piece of beautiful fabric, borrow stuff from your friends and style it in with your own clothes."

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Green picks

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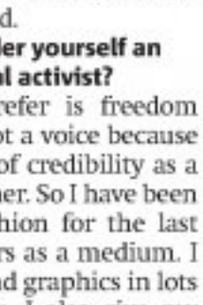

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When altruism meets green engineering

For the past decade, Celeste Baine has been attempting to hook high school students on engineering.

Through her Oregon-based company, Engineering Education Service Center, she leads workshops for both students and teachers, develops curricula for middle and high school students and even sells kitschy engineering-themed pins and shirts on the EESC website. She's also published more than two dozen engineering career guides. Her latest — "The Green Engineer: Engineering Careers to Save the Earth" — explores a plethora of job opportunities in the eco-minded economy.

"I look at these career guides from a different perspective. I like to actively ask the reader: 'What is it that you really like to do?' and lead them to the kinds of engineering jobs that involve those things," says Baine. "I feel like Millennials are very altruistic. So this book is an attempt to match that altruism with a career in engineering."

In a brief 146 pages, "Green Engineer" profiles careers in alternative fuels, public transportation, environmental building construction, resources management and more. Each chapter includes a summary pinpointing specific jobs within the field and the training required for each of them. "A lot of people don't think of engineering and sustainability as tied together. But almost every kind of engineering is dealing with questions of sustainability," says Baine. "If students are interested in a green career, there isn't a specific degree they need. They should get out there and do the thing that is most fascinating to them, and link it back to engineering when they're looking for employment."

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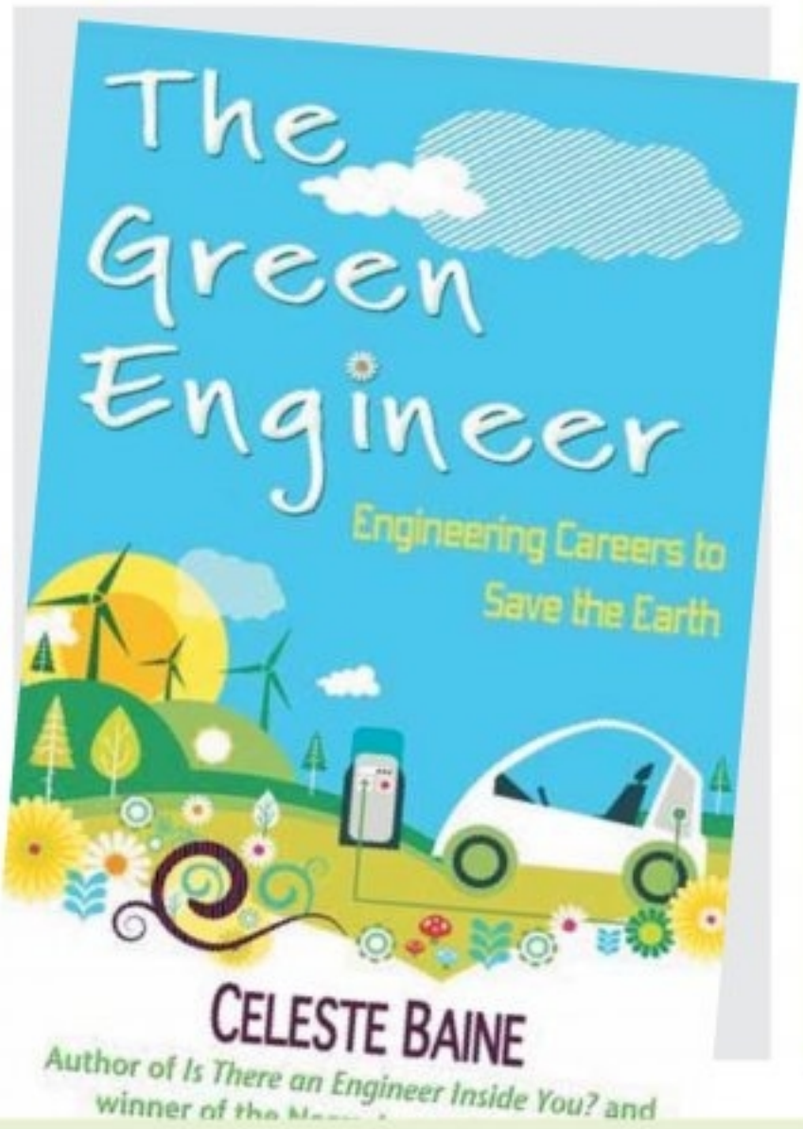

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Expert advice

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▶ Make a concrete plan for confronting this co-worker.

Bullying: From classrooms to the cubicles

Bullying doesn't only occur in high schools — for example, you're also likely to encounter it in the workplace. You don't need us telling you not to stand for it, but we do have a few hints on how to handle a sticky situation.

Recognize bullying: "The line between being competitive and being a bully is thin," explains Todd Dewett, president of TVA Inc. "Competitive workplaces with positive behavioral norms can be very productive, but overtly blocking or defaming others' work [is a different story]."

Diane Cadrain is an attorney who writes about unemployment law, and she recently covered seniors being bullied in the workplace for AARP magazine. She stresses the importance of seeing the issue. "Identify and name the problem," she says. "Psychological abuse, emotional violence: Putting a name on it is the first step toward empowering yourself."

Know your limits: This is harder than it sounds. "You need to decide what your limits are," says Susan Heathfield, contributor to About.com's Guide to Human Resources. "When the bully crosses the line, immediately draw to his or her attention that you will not tolerate the behavior."

Confront your bully: This is the really tough part, but you know it must be done. "Standing up to a bully takes personal courage, but it is the only way to stop bullying behavior," says Heathfield. She breaks down exactly what needs to happen. "Tell the bully how the behavior is having an impact on your work," she starts. "Tell the bully that you won't tolerate the behavior anymore, and call them on the behavior every time it occurs." Finally: "Involve the boss or HR as a last result."

JULIA WEST

New job site thinks like a matchmaker

▶ Want to love your job? You may be approaching the search wrong.
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When it comes to deciding where to work, you don't want LinkedIn — you want eHarmony.

At least that's the idea behind Path.to, a job matchmaking start-up launching on Tuesday.

The new website asks job candidates to fill out a survey about their job preferences including location, salary, benefits and work environment. Other users can vouch for their skills, and endorsements are weighted depending on the reputation of those who give them.

To further verify their interests and expertise, candidates connect their profiles to social networks, such as Twitter and Facebook, and to professional communities, such as Behance, Dribbble, Forrst and Github.

Path.to uses all of this information to create a compatibility rating for each job it recommends. When candidates apply, employers can easily rank them by the same score. Both parties can indicate which results they like and dislike in order to improve future results.

For now, Path.to only lists tech jobs in San Francisco's Bay Area. The start-up has signed up about 120 hiring companies to pay per job listing. It has also accepted a $1.5 million investment from staffing firm Adecco and plans to incorporate a product for third-party staffing firms at some point.

But a recent review of dating sites that use algorithms to match potential couples found their claims of predicting true love don't pan out. Can an algorithmic matchmaking process work any better when it comes to jobs? "What eHarmony is looking for is a deeper, emotional understanding of a person for a broader set of reasons," Path.to founder Darren Bounds says. "Ours is for a more specific purpose."

Quoted

"It's not just about where you want to work, it's about where you're going to have the most success. What are you going to enjoy?"
PATH.TO FOUNDER DARREN BOUNDS

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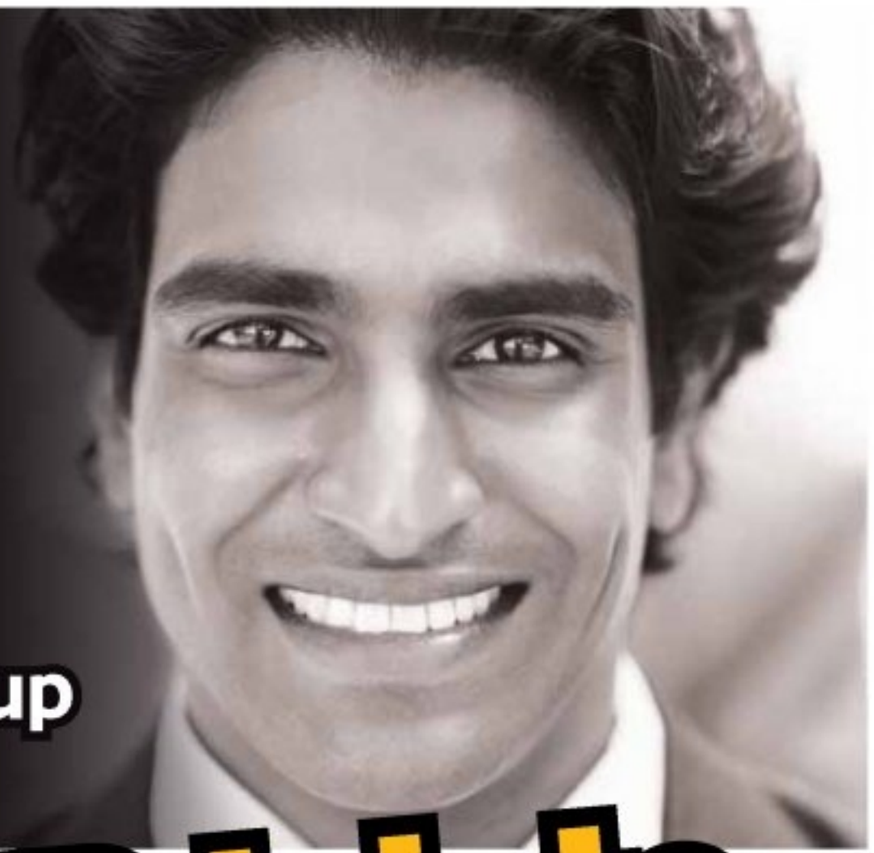

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Top US colleges to offer free classes on the Web

Five prestigious U.S. universities will create free online courses for students worldwide through a new, interactive education platform dubbed Coursera, founders Daphne Koller and Andrew Ng announced recently. Coursera will offer more than three dozen college courses in the coming year on subjects ranging from Greek mythology to neurology, from calculus to contemporary American poetry. The classes are designed and taught by professors at Stanford, Princeton, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Michigan.

Coursera joins a raft of ambitious online projects aimed at making higher education more accessible and affordable. Many of these ventures, however, simply post entire lectures on the Web with no interactive component. Others strive to create brand-new universities.

The founders say Coursera will be different because professors from top schools will teach under their university's name and will adapt their most popular courses for the Web, embedding assignments and exams into video lectures, answering questions from students on online forums — even, perhaps, hosting office hours via video conference.

Students will not get college credit. But Coursera may offer certificates of completion or transcripts for a fee. The company may also seek to turn a profit by connecting employers with students who have shown aptitude in a particular field, a spokeswoman said.

For their part, participating universities expect to benefit by boosting their reputations overseas, connecting with far-flung alumni and bringing in donations from grateful online students. "It will increase our impact on the world," said Amy Gutmann, president of the University of Pennsylvania.

STEPHANIE SIMON/REUTERS

Trial and error

In trial classes Coursera hosted this year, the production values were a bit rough.

Scott Page, a political science professor at the University of Michigan, filmed his lectures for a class called Model Thinking. Interruptions forced him to reshoot several segments — and as a result, he looks undeniably grumpy in some takes. A few of his online quizzes contain errors. His slides are sometimes hard to read. From time to time, his dog wanders into the frame.

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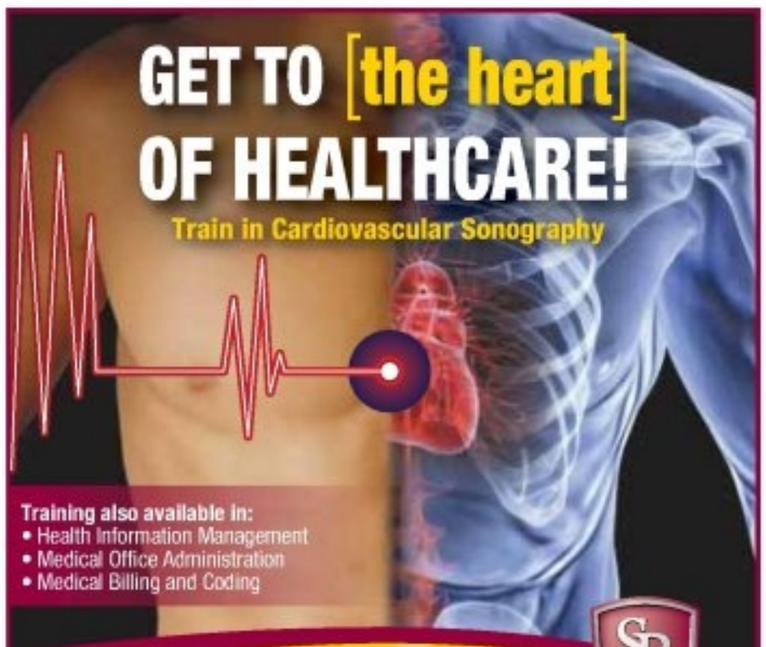

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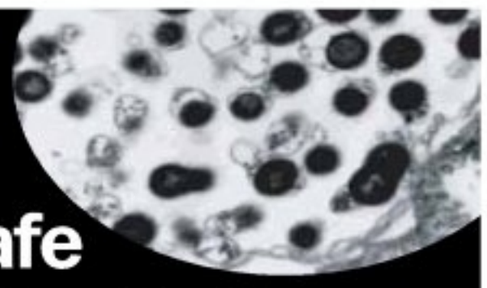

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Health care law has much to love

RE: "HALF OF ALL WOMEN REPORT PROBLEMS GETTING HEALTH CARE": I could not agree more with Antoinette Valluzzi's letter regarding preventive health services that are now available without a co-pay thanks to Obama's health care law. It is not only women's preventive health services like pap smears that are covered by this law, but all Americans can now get annual checkups without a co-pay. Other benefits of the health care law include barring insurance companies from denying coverage to children who have pre-existing conditions, making it mandatory for insurance companies to provide coverage for dependent children up to the age of 26 and prohibiting insurance companies from denying coverage to policyholders once they get sick. **CAROLYN CASEY, BOSTON**

"The least productive citizens will do even less than usual!"

May Day is nearly here, and the neo-communists are plotting their grand rebellion. None of the Occupiers will be productive tomorrow: That's right, the least productive citizens will do even less than usual — that will show them evil capitalists! It's hard not to laugh at these meatheads. Other than messing up traffic for productive citizens, what do these naive losers hope to accomplish? A Communist utopia run by the Occupy dum-dums? It's laughable, as they bring nothing to the table other than their appetite. History has proven their myopic worldview wrong on many occasions. What else does one need to know? **JOSHUA TORDOFF, VIA E-MAIL**

Social Security will continue to pay out

RE: "SOCIAL SECURITY FUND TO RUN OUT": Your brief article about Social Security was very misleading. While the fund might "become insolvent in 2033," that means the fund will take in less money than it pays out, not that all the money will be gone. The fund, even without changes, will still be able to pay out for decades after 2033 most of the funds due retirees, just not full benefits. **ELKAN KATZ, VIA E-MAIL**

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What about the smokers, Obama?

RE: "CHANGE ON HOLD FOR THE CAMPAIGN": As a candidate, Obama vowed not to raise taxes on individuals making below $200,000. Sixteen days into office, he hiked the federal tax on conventional cigs from 39 cents to $1.01. I thought he wanted to tax the rich only. **STEPHEN HELFER, CAMBRIDGE**

Wake up and smell the new New Deal

RE: "FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAYS FOR SERVICES": "Retrograde view of our government"? "Car bombs"? "Crazed snipers"? Mr. Connell must be living in the 1930s when the New Deal was in effect. What we need is less government, especially in "our" schools. The leftist lies our kids get indoctrinated with include global warming, pro-U.N. propaganda, politically correct "sustainability" hogwash. Mr. Connell: You need to enter the 21st century. **FRANK ST GEORGE, VIA E-MAIL**

Horoscope

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Don't allow anyone to involve you in petty social games just because that person wants to get even with someone he or she dislikes. Instead, enjoy all of your friends.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If you hope to be content with your lot in life, it's important not to compare yourself to others. Be honest with yourself, and you'll realize how fortunate you are.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Phrase your comments very carefully, lest you inadvertently blurt out something hurtful. Once spoken, it could be quite difficult to explain.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Put definite limitations on your purchasing so that your extravagant urges don't get the upper hand. Spending foolishly on expensive things or events could do you in.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Although at times you can get away with handling several situations simultaneously, this might not be the case today. Limit your focus and efforts to one endeavor at a time.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Make sure you handle all of your involvements in a mature manner. Others will have more respect for you if don't try to play upon their sympathy and goodness.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** There are times when your strong personality can effectively enhance your image — but if you go overboard, it could be another story. Being a cocky hotshot will not play well.

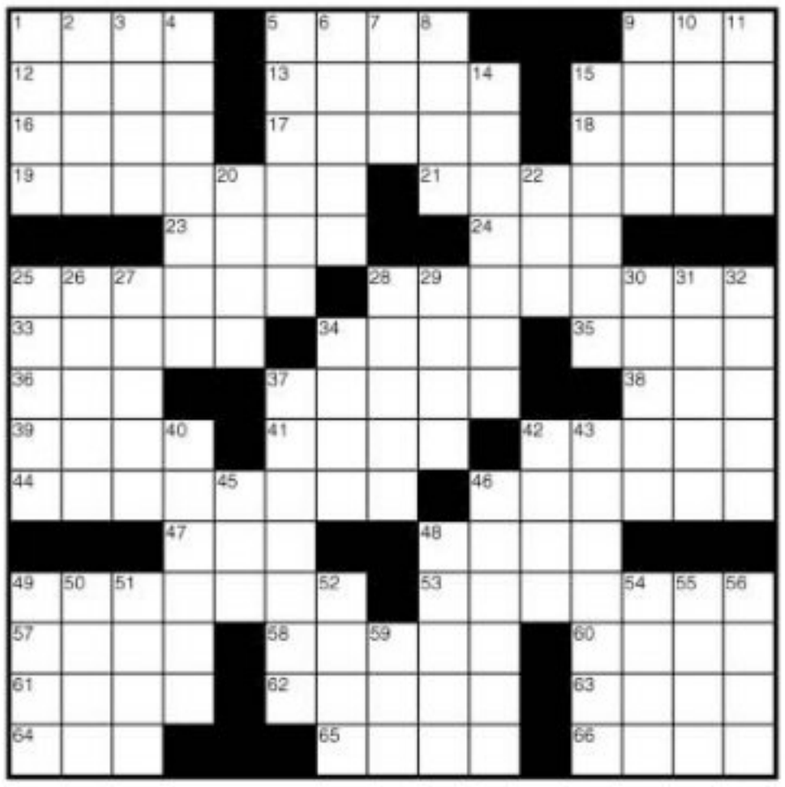
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** As long as you don't let self-doubt weaken your thrust, you'll have what it takes to be successful and accomplish your aims. However, any form of negativity will be counterproductive.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Falsely flattering someone could pump up the recipient for the moment, but come back to haunt you later on when, as a result, your pal thinks you owe him or her something.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** There's a strong chance that once again you might not fare too well with someone who has bested you in the past, especially if you try too hard to overtake him or her.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Don't make any half-hearted promises today that you aren't likely to be able to keep. Unfortunately, you will be taken up on what you say and embarrassed if or when you can't produce.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you fail to help someone who asks for your assistance and desperately needs it, chances are you won't like yourself — especially if you refuse due to laziness. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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25 Elephant owner, maybe
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Solution to weekend's crossword

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Slow start burns Celtics

Rondo likely to be suspended for Game 2 for bumping official late ◗ Pierce struggles shooting in loss ◗ Celtics comeback falls short ◗ Garnett looks slow in early going of game

Three things we saw in Atlanta's 83-74 victory over the C's in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series:

Tough start
When the ball was tipped, only one team played like it was Game 1 of the postseason – and it wasn't the Celtics. The Hawks came out firing on all cylinders – and the shots were falling. They started the game converting 8-of-11 shots from the field, opened up a double-digit lead within the first few minutes, and led at the end of the first quarter, 31-18. From that point on, the Celtics were playing catch-up. Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce were nonexistent in the first quarter.

Unlikely heroes
Who is it going to be for the Celtics? In order for them to win, they're going to need guys to step up that aren't front and center in the Hawks' scouting report. Atlanta had those guys last night, when Jason Collins started at center and actually outplayed the likes of Kevin Garnett and Brandon Bass in the first three quarters. You read that right. Kirk Hinrich is another player for the Hawks that really hurt the C's.

Meltdown
The Hawks did everything in their power to let the Celtics back in the game, but the C's never capitalized. To make matters worse, Rajon Rondo was hit with a double-technical foul in the closing seconds for arguing a call and then bumping into referee Marc Davis. He was ejected from the game, and with that, the Celtics' chances at taking the lead were gone. The NBA has strict rules against making any contact with officials and Rondo's slight bump will likely warrant a one-game suspension.

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Doc Rivers, left, and Paul Pierce, right, couldn't solve the Hawks last night in Atlanta.

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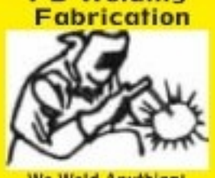

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